



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot weather last week aided winter wheat maturity and advanced spring crop development toward more average gains for this time of year, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat harvest, at 22 percent complete, was behind last year and the average. In northeastern counties, precipitation last week was enough to limit fieldwork slightly. Isolated wheat harvest activity was noted by northeastern county reporters, but most fields were still days to over a week away from harvest, depending on locality. A reporter noted conditions were favorable for winter wheat grain fill. In the east central district, harvest began in earnest for some southern counties. Isolated precipitation was noted during the week. Counties in the southwestern district observed above normal temperatures last week with locally heavy rainfall. In the San Luis Valley, limited rain was received last week. Fall potatoes were reportedly in good condition and alfalfa was growing after completion of the first cutting. A reporter noted field soil moisture supplies were quickly depleting without irrigation. In southeastern counties, winter wheat harvest advanced rapidly last week. Hot temperatures and scarce moisture caused some corn and sorghum to show signs of stress, according to a county reporter. Statewide, winter wheat was rated 82 percent good to excellent, compared to 47 percent good to excellent last year and 51 percent on average. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 1 percent heavy, 54 percent average, and 45 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 75 percent average, and 24 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	28	16	41	36
Barley				
Headed	87	75	92	91
Turning color	23	11	26	22
Corn				
Silked	4	1	15	12
Dry edible beans				
Emerged	98	89	96	NA
Blooming	20	11	32	22
Sorghum				
Emerged	95	85	NA	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted	97	93	99	98
Winter wheat				
Turning color	95	90	NA	NA
Mature	66	51	93	90
Harvested	22	10	75	58

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.3	6.0	6.6	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	7	4	27	10
Short	17	12	28	26
Adequate	74	80	44	60
Surplus.....	2	4	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	22	11
Short	19	18	29	24
Adequate	75	76	48	63
Surplus.....	3	3	1	2

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	3	8	2
Poor.....	4	4	15	8
Fair.....	5	7	30	25
Good	69	69	41	52
Excellent	19	17	6	13
Barley				
Very poor	4	4	--	--
Poor.....	8	12	1	1
Fair.....	20	29	36	20
Good	51	45	45	54
Excellent	17	10	18	25
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	4	3
Poor.....	2	1	6	5
Fair.....	16	14	20	19
Good	65	67	62	60
Excellent	17	18	8	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	12	2
Poor.....	4	8	25	7
Fair.....	28	32	14	30
Good	65	53	38	54
Excellent	3	7	11	7
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	4	7	24	21
Good	94	88	68	63
Excellent	2	5	5	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	30	9
Poor.....	4	4	24	14
Fair.....	20	18	25	26
Good	61	60	21	43
Excellent	14	17	--	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	5	10	5	5
Fair.....	28	30	19	20
Good	47	40	48	53
Excellent	20	20	28	21
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	1
Fair.....	18	18	12	11
Good	67	65	64	73
Excellent	13	15	19	15
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	1	14	4
Poor.....	2	1	12	7
Fair.....	26	12	30	32
Good	64	74	40	53
Excellent	7	12	4	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	2
Fair.....	17	17	17	15
Good	71	65	60	65
Excellent	11	17	18	17
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	8
Fair.....	19	16	30	28
Good	75	76	70	53
Excellent	6	8	--	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	1	7	9
Poor.....	3	3	19	12
Fair.....	14	15	27	28
Good	50	47	38	39
Excellent	32	34	9	12
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor.....	3	2	2	1
Fair.....	11	12	13	13
Good	70	67	76	74
Excellent	16	19	7	12

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